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MAD-ly, The Editors

LETTERS TO BRITNEY SPEARS

You've listened to her music. You've seen her movies. You've watched her reality show. But if you really want to know Britney, you have to read her mail! (Silly U.S. Postal Laws be damned!) Besides, if you don't look at the contents of her mailbox, who will? Kev and Brit don't exactly strike us as "readers."



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If you see War of the Worlds this summer (yeah, it's a big "if," but play along with us...), it may feel like something is missing. Good acting? A solid script? Inspired directing? No! We're talking about the fantastic outtakes from the movie, shown in our very pages! (Sure, those other things are going to be missing, too — but they're out of our hands.)

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While you're waiting on line at midnight to buy the newest Harry Potter book, why not pass the time with our spoof of the original book? Think about it — your only other alternative is to talk to the person in line next to you. And trust us, you don't want to listen for 40 minutes while some dude with Cheez-it breath ranks his top five favorite Gringotts goblins and describes how he made an authentic, hand-stitched Slytherin robe for his cat. Yikes!



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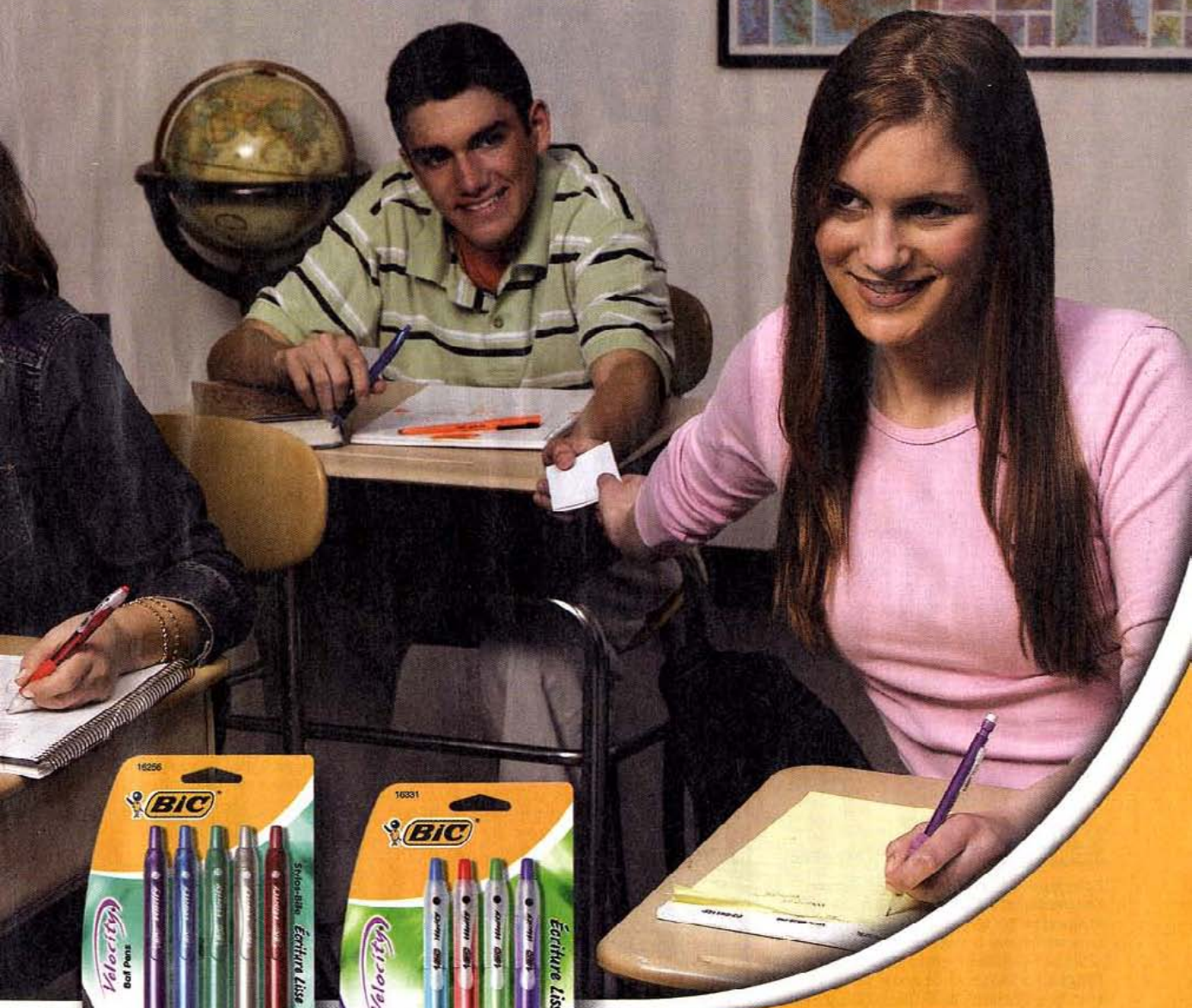
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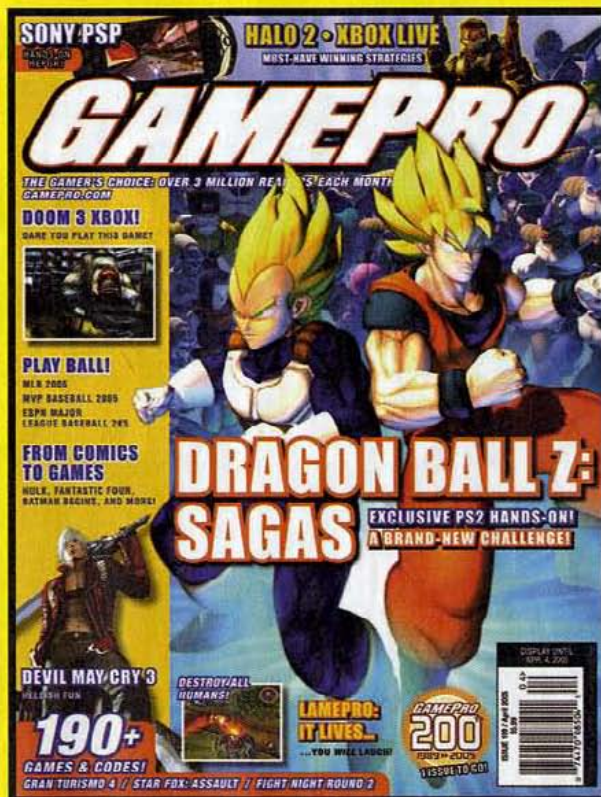


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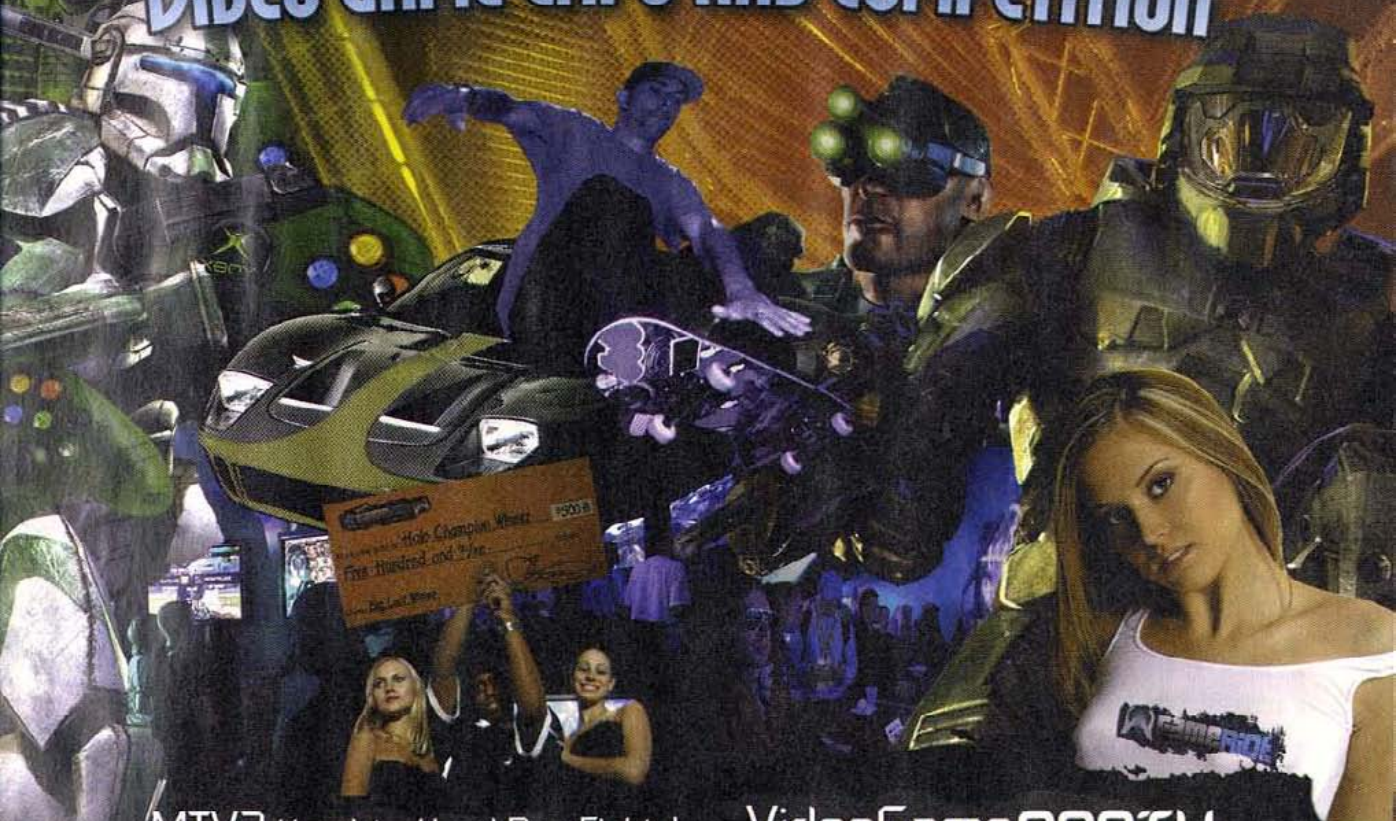
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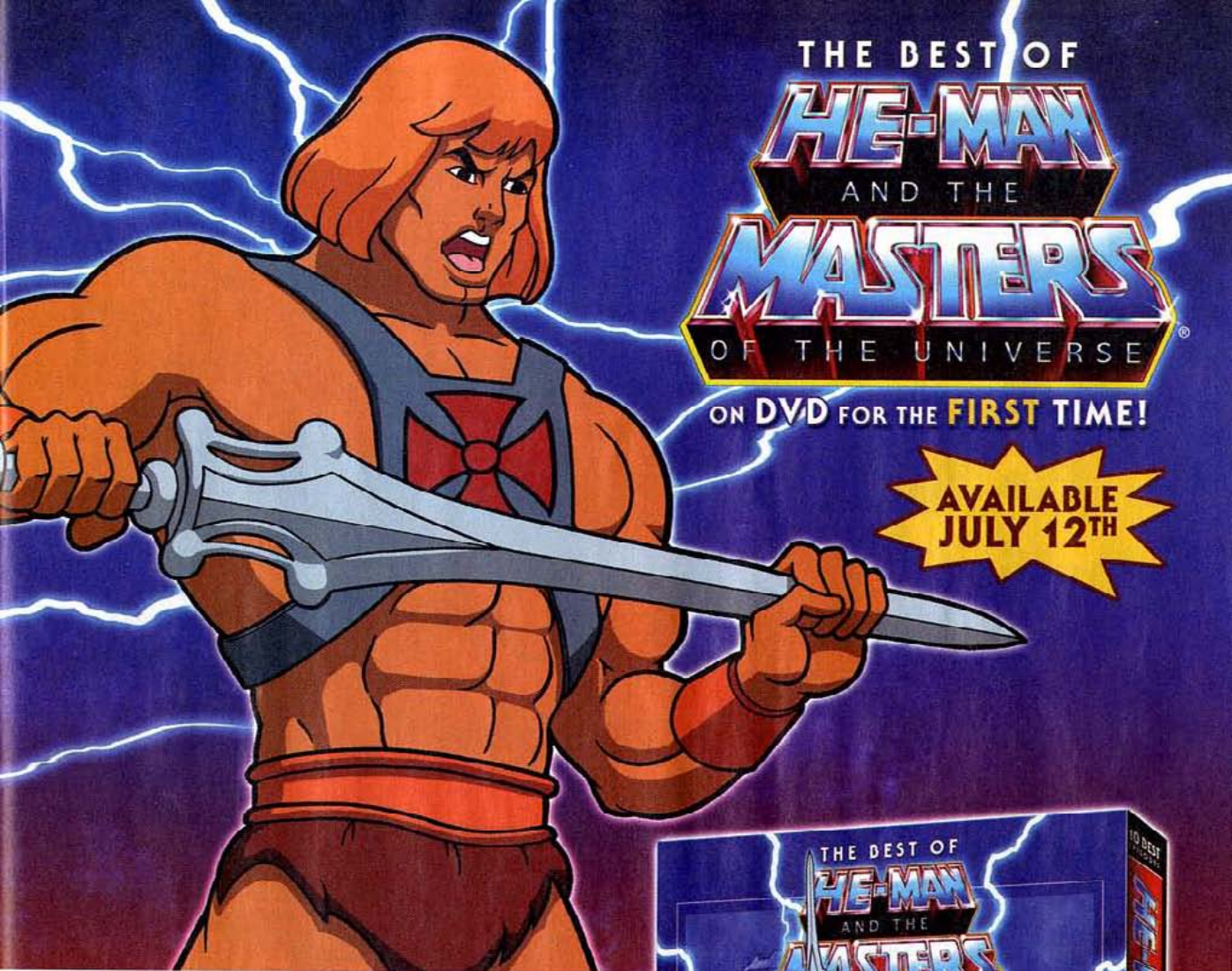
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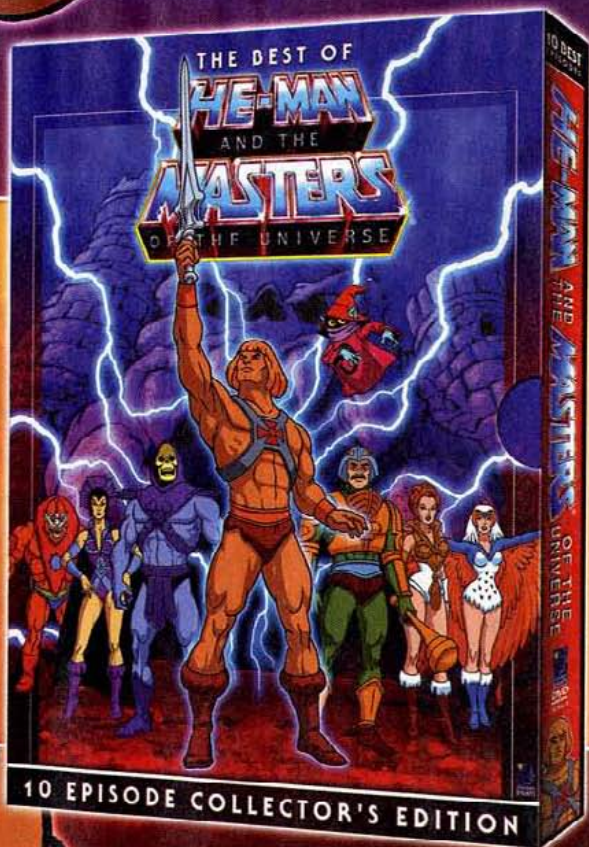
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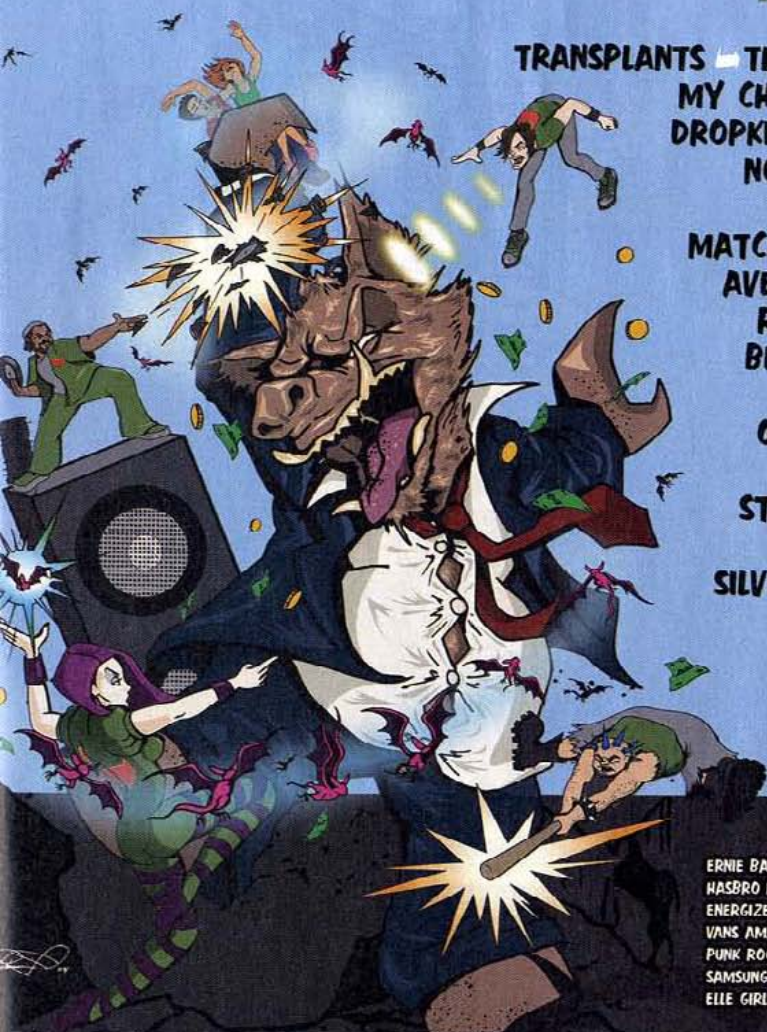
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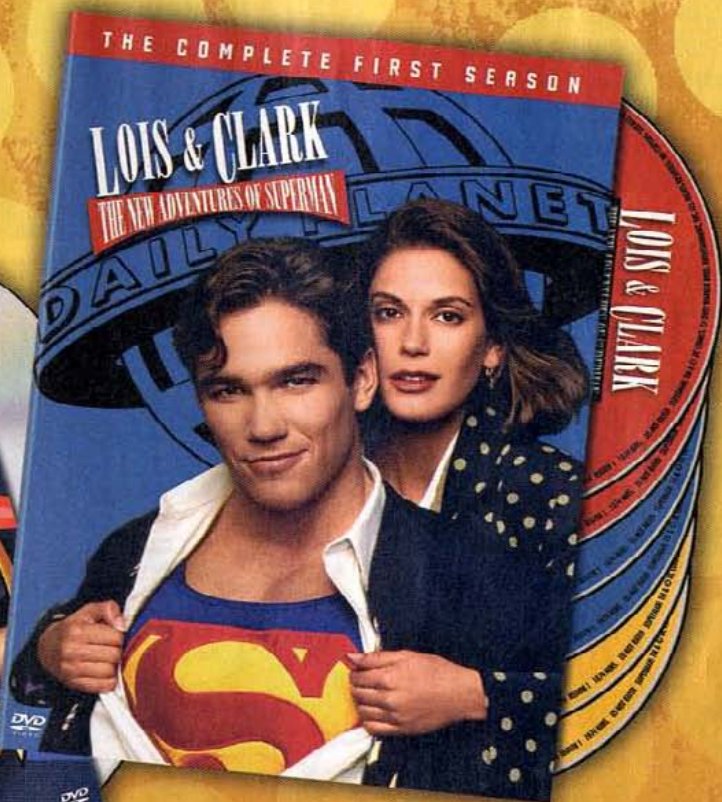
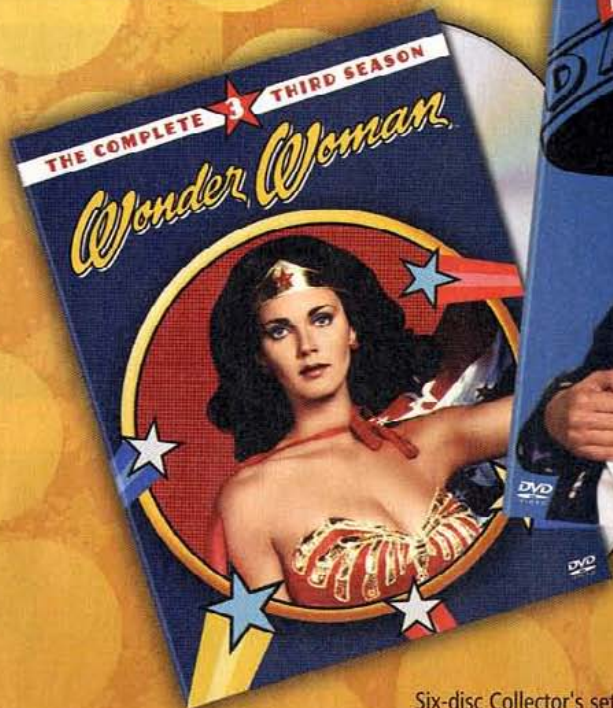
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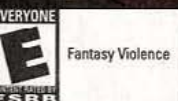


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